

Announcement No: T38-03-393

Opening Date: 4/30/03

Closing Date: Open continuous

Department of Veterans Affairs

Medical Center

Portland Oregon

**V a c a n c y   A n n o u n c e m e n t**

**POSITION:** Registered Respiratory Therapist, GS-601-7/8 or Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician, GS-640-5/6/7

**NUMBER OF VACANCIES** Full time, part time, and intermittent work schedules.

**TYPE OF VACANCY:** Permanent/Temporary

**FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT:** Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician and/or Registered Respiratory Therapist

**SALARY RANGE:** GS-5: \$29,690 to \$36,719; GS-6: \$31,356 to \$39,195; GS-7: \$33,877 to \$42,549; GS-8: \$36,446 to \$46,461 per annum

**NOTE 1:** First consideration will be given to those who apply by 5/13/03

**NOTE 2:** Eligible employees may be non-competitively reassigned to fill this position as an exception to merit promotion.

**NOTE 3:** This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

**NOTE 4:** Applicants without prior federal service will be appointed at step one of the grade.

**NOTE 5:** This is a developmental position. If selected below the target level, employee may be promoted without further competition upon satisfactory completion of qualification and eligibility requirements.

**NOTE 6:** Fingerprinting by Human Resource staff will be required of all tentatively selected applicants as part of a pre-employment security background investigation.

**NOTE 7:** A pre-employment physical examination may be required for an applicant not currently employed by the VA Medical Center who is tentatively selected.

**NOTE 8:** A drug test may be required for any applicant tentatively selected from outside the VA Medical Center.

**NOTE 9:** This is a Bargaining Unit position for those appointed to a permanent position; otherwise this is a non-bargaining position.

**TOUR OF DUTY:** Tour of duty varies depending on position available at time of hire. The work conditions may require some rotation in the tour of duty.

**LOCATION:** This position is located in Patient Care Services, Portland, OR. Although this position is located at the Portland, Oregon Division at this time, it may be necessary to utilize the selected person's services at a different Medical Center location if conditions require it in the future.

**AREA OF CONSIDERATION:** Applicants will be considered in the following order: **First consideration** will be given to career or career conditional employees and permanent Title 38 employees of the Portland VA Medical Center eligible under the interchange Agreement. Included are employees of the Willamette National Cemetery, Regional Counsel and Veterans Outreach Center. **Second consideration** will be given to any qualified US citizen.

**Displaced/Surplus Federal Employees:** Employees covered under the provision of the inter-agency Career Transition Plan (ICTAP) and Career Transition assistance Plan (CTAP) (displaced VA Employees) eligibles will be given priority consideration for vacancies within the **local commuting area** for which they are well qualified. Applicants requesting this consideration must attach appropriate proof of the ITCAP eligibility with their application.

**DUTIES:** The complete Functional Statement may be reviewed in the Human Resources Management Division. The following duties and responsibilities are taken from the functional statement and are considered to be a brief extract. The incumbent administers assisted and controlled ventilation to patients with tracheotomies and other complex medical problems requiring frequent adjustments in ventilator parameters; administers and monitors advanced ventilating techniques such as positive and expiratory pressure and continuous positive airway pressure; develops plans for weaning patients from ventilator; assessing the respiratory status of patients using the data acquired through physical observation and clinical analysis of blood gas data, chest X-rays, and electrocardiograms to determine the effectiveness of therapy being administered and to make recommendations, including endotracheal intubation, tracheal lavage, and tracheotomy care; and provide in-service training to others in various specialized areas of respiratory care. Demonstrates knowledge and abilities needed to perform complex respiratory procedures with minimal supervision. Is able to participate with physicians and nurses and other staff in planning respiratory treatment, with great reliance on the individual's knowledge of the equipment. Demonstrates knowledge and ability to provide emergency or critical respiratory care.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Current certification by the National Board for Respiratory Therapy Care as a Registered Respiratory Therapist and/or Certified Respiratory Therapist Technician and relevant work experience. Newly certified therapists or technicians may be appointed at the entry grades.

**Well Qualified (CTAP/ICTAP):** A well-qualified candidate is defined as one who meets the qualification and eligibility requirements for the position, including all educational/experience and selective factors (when applicable), and is able to satisfactorily perform the duties of the position upon entry.

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, politics, marital status, non-disqualifying physical or mental handicap, age or membership or non-membership in a labor organization.

**HOW TO APPLY (First Consideration Applicants):** In order to be considered for this vacancy, interested employees must complete and submit VA Form 5-4078, Application for Promotion or Reassignment, to be received in Human Resources Management Division (P4HRMS). This position will remain open until filled.

**HOW TO APPLY (Second Consideration Applicants):** In order to be considered for this vacancy, interested applicants must complete and submit VA Form 10-2850c, Application for Associated Health Occupations, and OF-306 (Declaration for Federal Employment). You may obtain these forms by contacting one of the Personnel Clerks at (503) 273-5236 or you may visit the Human Resources Management Division Office, Building 16, Room 300, 3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, Portland, OR 97207. You can return or mail your completed application to the below address **ATTN: Announcement T38-03-393**. This position will remain open until filled.

**HOW TO OBTAIN FORMS:**

**In Portland:**

VA Medical Center  
Human Resources Management Division  
3710 SW US Veterans Hospital Road, (Bldg. 16, Room 300)  
Portland, OR 97207. Phone # (503) 273-5236

**If Mailing:**

VA Medical Center,  
Human Resources Management Division (P4HRMS)  
P.O. Box 1034  
Portland, OR 97207

Human Resources Management Division will not photocopy any application material; applicants are responsible for making photocopies prior to submitting applications. Applications must be received in Human Resources Management Division in the Portland office as listed above. Applications will not be returned to applicants. For additional information you may contact Personnel (503) 273-5236.

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